

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 931

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to recognize the 100th anniversary of Watertown High School.

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of this General Assembly to pay tribute to those educational institutions that have demonstrated an unflagging commitment to education of children and youth of the community; and

WHEREAS, one such venerable institution is Watertown High School, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary on May 26 of this year; and

WHEREAS, the original school building was completed and dedicated to service on September 6, 1911, and the first graduating class was the class of 1912; and

WHEREAS, the school cost \$9,768.50 to build, and funding the construction was accomplished by public donations; no taxpayer dollars were applied to the costs whatsoever; and

WHEREAS, in 1929, a second, larger, building was constructed to house the high school and the original building became Watertown Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the third, and current, high school building was erected in 1964. It was renovated and had an addition built on in 1981, at which time the 1911 structure was razed; and

WHEREAS, according to current plans, Watertown High School will soon move into a new facility, yet to be built. Its design is in keeping with the look of the original 1911 structure; and

WHEREAS, celebratory activities have taken place throughout this school year and, on May 26th, a one-hundred-year reunion will take place at the school in conjunction with a community-wide banquet and a program highlighting the important milestones of Watertown High School's history; and

WHEREAS, two special banquet dignitaries will be Elmer Marler, who, at just shy of ninety-seven years old, is the oldest known graduate of the school, and Inez Jennings Harrison, ninety-six, who is the oldest living teacher at Watertown High School and a member of the 1934 graduating class; and

WHEREAS, the histories of institutions such as Watertown High School are part of the history and heritage of our great State, and it is such esteemed institutions as these which served as bastions of bright hope for the futures of thousands of Tennesseans who have passed through their doors, and it is proper and fitting that this General Assembly should recognize the anniversary of Watertown High School; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize Watertown High School on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary. We extend our best wishes to the alumni, the staff, the student body, and the good people of the Watertown community on this most notable occasion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.